



Ride The Rails, See The Colors & Encounter Quintessential Colorado with the **Clarksville Parks Department** as they experience the

Colorado Rockies Fall Foliage & Historic Mountain Railroads

September 17 - 23, 2011

Whether it is trains, parks or mountains, all your travel dreams come true on this tour. From the storied Rocky Mountain National Park, the captivating Royal Gorge, Garden of the Gods and four rail experiences, every day is filled with awe.

DAY 1 – DENVER, CO: Fly this morning with **Clarksville Parks Tour Leader, BJ Nelson Lynton**, to Denver, where you'll be met by our tour director and chartered motorcoach. This afternoon we'll tour the handsome "Mile-High City" with an expert local guide, including such sights as the Colorado State Capitol, the U.S. Mint, Larimer Square, Coors Field, the Cherry Creek shopping area, plus lovely parks and historic residential neighborhoods. After checking in at our hotel and our trip orientation "get-together," the popular Landry's Restaurant is a perfect choice for a "Welcome to Colorado" dinner. (D)

DAY 2 – DILLON, CO: This morning we approach Rocky Mountain National Park, one of America's natural treasures. The trip across the Trail Ridge Road reaches an elevation of over 12,000 feet and features dramatic scenic grandeur throughout. Along our route are the Estes Park resort area, the spectacular mountain setting of the Alpine Visitor Center, glacial Lake Granby, Berthoud Pass and the Eisenhower Tunnel. Late this afternoon we'll ride the historic, steam-powered *Georgetown Loop Railroad* through the silver mining country, and then continue on to Dillon, one of Colorado's popular year-round mountain resorts. (B)

DAY 3 – ALAMOSA, CO: Continuing south from Dillon through Fremont Pass, this morning's sightseeing destination is the storied old mining town of Leadville, where we'll tour the Healy House and Dexter Cabin Museums. Next, passing some of Colorado's highest



peaks, we'll head for incredible Great Sand Dunes National Park, America's newest. Here we'll explore some of the 55 square miles of shifting dunes protected here. Accommodations for the next two nights have been reserved in nearby Alamosa. (CB)

DAY 4 – CUMBRES & TOLTEC RAILROAD: This morning we dip into northern New Mexico to board the comfortable coaches of the *Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad* for an extraordinary full-day trip between Chama, New Mexico, and Antonito, Colorado. Our trip on this old narrow-gauge, steam-powered train features unforgettable views of splendid mountain scenery, including the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo ranges, the Phantom Curve and the Toltec Gorge. Lunch is included mid-day at Osier Station. Returning to Alamosa, a delightful dinner has been arranged at Trujillo's Restaurant. (CB, L, D)

DAY 5 – COLORADO SPRINGS: Leaving Salida, we'll head for Royal Gorge, one of Colorado's favorite attractions. Here the world's highest suspension bridge spans a canyon over 1,000 feet deep, created by the Arkansas River. Our admission includes a ride on the incline railway to the bottom of the gorge, a trip on the aerial tramway and other attractions. Then our visit is enhanced by an afternoon ride on the *Royal Gorge Route Railroad* through this dramatic canyon, as we follow the mighty Arkansas River and cross an unusual hanging bridge. Arriving in Colorado Springs, we'll check-in for two nights in this famed resort community and enjoy dinner at the popular Mason Jar Restaurant. (CB, D)

DAY 6 – PIKES PEAK – GARDEN OF THE GODS: This morning we'll board the coaches of the historic *Pikes Peak Cog Railway* for the winding journey to the summit of majestic Pikes Peak, 14,110 feet above sea level. Our view from the top of Colorado's most famous mountain is truly outstanding. Next, afternoon touring will include the Old Colorado City Historic District and a visit to the massive red sandstone formations at the Garden of the Gods. This evening, we're sure to enjoy a delicious "farewell" dinner at Giuseppe's Old Depot Restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 7 – HOME: First we'll tour the handsome campus of the U.S. Air Force Academy, nestled at the base of the Rockies and home of the inspiring Cadet Chapel. We'll return to Denver in time for a lunch stop before we head for Denver International Airport to board our afternoon homeward-bound flight. (CB)

Price Per Person:

\$1922, double

\$1822, triple

\$2318, single

A deposit of \$200 per person is due at time of reservation.

Final payment is due no later than July 12, 2011.

No refunds after final payment unless Travel Insurance is purchased.

When making a reservation, please turn in your legal name along with your date of birth.

Price includes:

- ◆ Roundtrip airfare from Louisville to Denver
- ◆ 6-nights lodging in quality AAA approved hotel accommodations
- ◆ 11 dining experiences: 2 full breakfasts, 4 deluxe continental breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- ◆ All admissions/fees for complete sightseeing program indicated
- ◆ Expert Tour Director and local "step-on" tour guides and **Clarksville Parks Tour Leader**
- ◆ Gratuities for handling of one large suitcase per person throughout
- ◆ Gratuities for Tour Director, Step-on guides, and Motor coach drivers
- ◆ All applicable taxes and tips on tour inclusions

Prices do not include:

- ◆ Items of a personal nature
- ◆ **Travel Insurance** can be purchased for an additional \$134 per person. Pre-existing conditions are covered if insurance is purchased within 14 days of deposit. Please see certificate for additional information. Travel Insurance Premium is non-refundable once purchased.
- ◆ Meals not indicated

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